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1. REPRESENTATIVES OF U.S. AND POLAND MET IN WASHINGTON
FROM MAY 18-20 TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS IN ADMINISTRATION OF
BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON COTTON TRADE, POLISH REQUEST
FOR INCREASES IN 1977 QUOTAS FOR CERTAIN PRODUCTS UNDER
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THAT AGREEMENT AND U.S. REQUEST FOR RESTRAINTS ON POLISH
EXPORTS TO THE U.S. OF MAN-MADE FIBER AND WOOL TEXTILE
PRODUCTS. DISCUSSIONS WERE CORDIAL AND PRODUCTIVE AND
RESULTED IN MUTUALLY AGREED UNDERSTANDINGS ON ALL ISSUES
DISCUSSED.

2. PROBLEMS IN ADMINISTRATION OF COTTON AGREEMENT IN-

VOLVED OVERSHIPMENTS BY POLAND IN CERTAIN CATEGORIES
DURING 1976 AGREEMENT YEAR. POLISH DELEGATION RECOGNIZED
NECESSITY FOR AVOIDING FUTURE OVERSHIPMENTS AND U.S.
DELEGATION ADVISED THAT U.S. WOULD UTILIZE IMPORT
CONTROLS TO PREVENT OVERSHIPMENTS.

3. RESPECTING CURRENT YEAR OF COTTON BILATERAL,
DELEGATIONS AGREED TO MERGE CATEGORIES 42, 43 AND 62
PART (KNIT TOPS) AND TO ADJUST CATEGORIES LISTED BELOW
AS FOLLOWS:

CATEGORY (ALL COTTON)	DESIGNATED ANNUAL CONSULTATION LEVEL
--	CONSULTATION LEVEL
36 (BEDSPREADS)	300,000 SQUARE YARDS
--	EQUIV.
41 (T-SHIRTS)	360,000 SQUARE YARDS
--	EQUIV.
42/43/62 PART (KNIT TOPS)	439,119 DOZEN UNITS
48 (RAINCOATS)	1,400,000 SQUARE YARDS
--	EQUIV.
49 (OTHER COATS)	1,962,500 SQUARE YARDS
--	EQUIV.
63 (OTHER APPAREL NOT KNIT)	1,000,000 SQUARE YARDS
--	EQUIV.

4. ON MAN-MADE FIBER AND WOOL PRODUCTS TWO DELEGATIONS
AGREED TO RESTRAIN CERTAIN PRODUCTS IMMEDIATELY AND TO
NEGOTIATE LATER COMPREHENSIVE BILATERAL COVERING COTTON,
WOOL AND MAN-MADE FIBER PRODUCTS WHICH WOULD INCORPORATE
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RESTRAINTS AGREED TO AT THIS MEETING. PRODUCTS TO BE
IMMEDIATELY RESTRAINED AND LEVELS ARE:

CATEGORY	LEVEL
221 (MAN-MADE FIBER SWEATERS)	2,750,000 SQUARE YARDS
--	EQUIV.
120/237/224 PART (WOOL SUITS, MAN-MADE FIBER KNIT AND WOVEN SUITS)	150,000 UNITS
218 AND 219(KNIT SHIRTS)	3,200,000 SQUARE YARDS
--	EQUIV.
--	OR
--	225,000 DOZEN UNITS,
--	WHICHEVER SHALL BE LESS

5. WE HAVE PROVIDED DRAFT OF PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF NOTES
TO POLISH EMBASSY ON CHANGES IN COTTON BILATERAL AND EX-
PECT TO PROVIDE DRAFT NOTE ON MAN-MADE AND WOOL LATER

THIS WEEK. COPIES OF DRAFTS WILL BE FORWARDED TO EMBASSY
BY SEPTTEL.

6. CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL BE NECESSARY
LATER THIS YEAR. WE HAVE TENTATIVELY ACCEPTED POLISH
INVITATION TO MEET IN WARSAW, BUT NO DATE HAS BEEN SET
BECAUSE OF UNCERTAINTIES IN SCHEDULE OF U.S. NEGOTIATORS.
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